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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003 for a period of one month.

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